

# Water Management in FY 2016-17

Imbalances in water supply and demand continue to affect the county. As drought conditions and water issues persist in our region, County staff and elected officials continue to forge ahead and develop solutions for the community. In FY 2016-17, the County will continue to focus on short-and long-term actions to address our water challenges.

## What Are We Trying to Accomplish?

- In San Luis Obispo County we are trying to:
- Improve resiliency in the face of extended drought conditions
  - Improve water supplies and infrastructure for greater reliability
  - Establish and maintain sustainable groundwater and watershed management practices

## What Are The Challenges?

The county is located in a part of the state that is subject to uncertain and highly variable hydrologic conditions. Local surface water supplies are limited, and imported water supplies (i.e., State Water Project) are expensive and subject to hydrologic variability. Because much of the county is dependent upon groundwater for a significant portion of its water supply, sustainable management of groundwater supplies is one of the significant challenges facing the County.

## Addressing These Challenges

- The County will continue to address imbalances in water supply and demand. Some of the short and long-term actions the County will focus on in FY 2016-17 include, but are not limited to:
- Continuing to coordinate drought monitoring, impact assessments, responses to health and safety, and public communication and outreach efforts
  - Creating plans for how to best utilize our surface water (reservoirs)
  - Conducting studies in order to identify options for additional water supply to the County
  - Continuing to pursue Proposition 1 Grant funding opportunities for water supply projects
  - Moving forward with a plan for the potential Diablo Canyon Desalination Project
  - Continuing to coordinate work efforts to meet the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements. Specifically, SGMA requires, by June 30, 2017, the formation of locally-controlled groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) in the County's five high- and medium-priority groundwater basins and subbasins (basins)

## Budget Process

Pursuant to the State Budget Act (Government Code §29000), San Luis Obispo County develops a balanced budget every fiscal year. The budget process is a collaborative effort that involves all County departments, the Board of Supervisors and the public. While County staff is responsible for preparing a proposed budget and the Board of Supervisors ultimately has the authority to adopt funding levels, public input is an integral part of the County's budget process.

Public participation in the budget process is welcome and available through the many public budget-related meetings that are held by the Board of Supervisors throughout the year. All Board meetings are recorded and broadcast via cable television and the County's website.

## Budget Calendar

August	Departments submit Capital Improvement Project Requests.
October	Financial Forecast is presented to the Board.
November	Board adopts Budget Goals and Policies. Board establishes priorities. Board adopts the County's fee schedule for the coming year.
December	Departments develop departmental goals and performance measures.
January	Departments submit budget requests.
February	Administrative Office presents a budget update to the Board based on budget submittals from departments.
March	Administrative Office reviews and analyzes budgets submitted by departments.
April	Administrative Office finalizes budget recommendations.
May	Proposed budget is published and introduced to the Board. Supplemental budget is prepared to note changes to the proposed budget.
June	Public budget hearings to review and adopt proposed budget. Fiscal year ends June 30.
July	New fiscal year begins July 1.
August	Fund Balance Available from fiscal year just ended is identified.
September	Final budget is adopted by the Board, including Fund Balance Available from prior fiscal year.
November	Final budget is published.

FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

# FINAL BUDGET

Prepared by the County Administrative Office



A SUMMARY OF  
THE ADOPTED  
BUDGET FOR  
THE COUNTY OF  
SAN LUIS OBISPO



View the complete adopted budget at  
[www.slocounty.ca.gov](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov).



Board of Supervisors



Vision Statement and Communitywide Results

- A Safe Community**– The County will strive to create a community where all people— adults and children alike— have a sense of security and well being, crime is controlled, fire and rescue response is timely and roads are safe.
- A Healthy Community**– The County will strive to ensure all people in our community enjoy healthy, successful and productive lives, and have access to basic necessities.
- A Livable Community**– The County will strive to keep our community a good place to live by carefully managing growth, protecting our natural resources, promoting life long learning, and creating an environment that encourages respect for all people.
- A Prosperous Community**– The County will strive to keep our economy strong and viable and assure that all share in this economic prosperity.
- A Well-Governed Community**– The County will provide high quality “results oriented” services that are responsive to community desires.

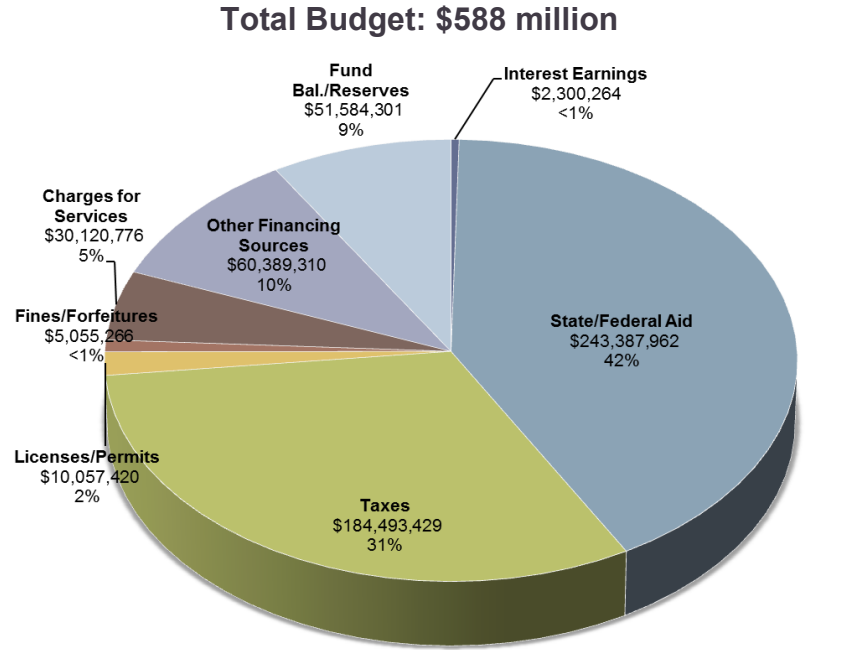
**Mission Statement**

The County’s elected representatives and employees are committed to serve the community with pride to enhance the economic, environmental and social quality of life in San Luis Obispo County.

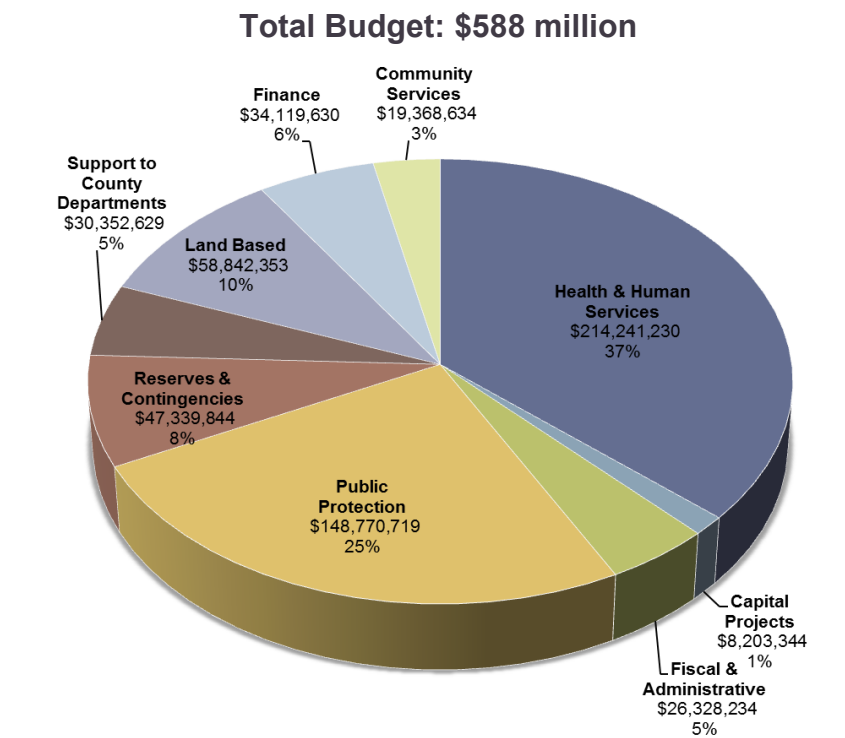
Organizational Values

Integrity	Collaboration	Professionalism
Accountability		Responsiveness

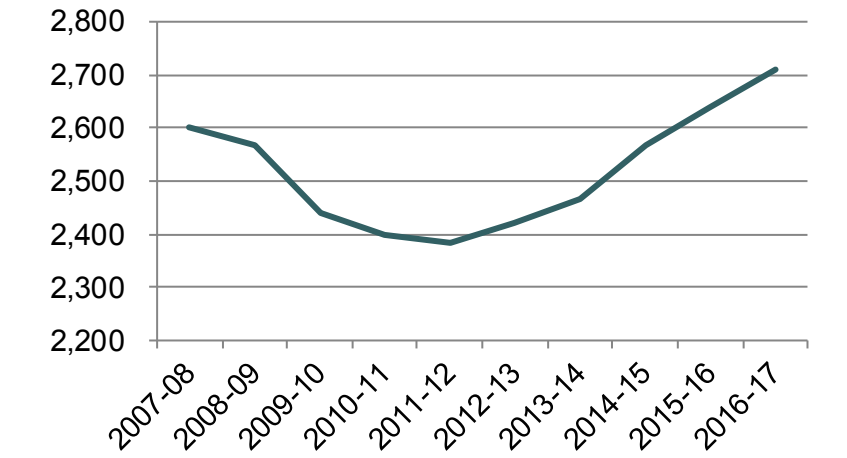
Source of Revenues



Expenditures by Functional Area



10 Year Staffing History



Property Tax Distribution by Government Agency



**GOOD NEWS!**

The County recently received its fifth consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the FY 2015-16 Budget. The award reflects the County's commitment to meeting the highest principles in governmental budgeting and financial transparency.

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